

LEGISLATURE IS IN SESSION.

Gov. Nash's Message Deals With Taxes and Corporations.

Nominees of Saturday's Republican Caucus Elected Without Opposition.

Columbus, O., Jan. 6.—The Ohio Legislature convened at 10 a.m. today in biennial session. Both branches elected the officers nominated at the Republican caucuses Saturday evening. The forenoon was spent in the usual routine of drawing seats, taking the oath of office, etc. Proceedings in balloting for presiding officers, clerks and sergeant at arms, etc., was in marked contrast from the exciting scenes of the past week in the contest between the Foraker and the Hanna Republicans, for control.

Notwithstanding the talk of fusion with the minorities, the Foraker candidates in the Senate and the Hanna candidates in the House were elected with their full party vote, and there was no indication of bolting or even of dissatisfaction.

At noon the annual message to Gov. Nash was read in both the Senate and the House. It was noted for its recommendations of a new system of taxation under which all the taxes for State purposes are to be raised from corporations, franchises, the liquor traffic, etc., all direct taxation being for county, municipal or local purposes.

MESSAGE

Of the Governor Deals Largely With Corporations.

Gov. Nash submitted his annual message to the Legislature today and in it said about corporations:

"During the last two years much has been said upon the question as to how corporations should be regulated, and as to how evils which arise from the misuse of corporation franchises may be minimized, or entirely overcome. Many have thought that publicity is the only sure remedy.

"Because they are created by the state, and possess certificates bearing the impress of the State seal, some are led to believe that they are safer to do business with and are more entitled to credit than are private partnerships and individuals. In very many cases they are less worthy of confidence. They are authorized by the State to do business before one

dollar of capital stock has been paid. This is an unfortunate condition of affairs. The state, before she gives these corporations her approval, and permits them to do business, ought to require that all the capital stock be paid in money and invested in the business they propose to transact. She ought to make sure of this fact by a report made to some competent officer. We should go further and require these companies to make annual reports to be filed with and be inspected by this officer. This report should show among other things how much of the capital stock has been paid; how the money is invested, what the assets are, the amount of the liabilities and the names of the stockholders. In fact, there should be such a record of every corporation, that the people may know at all times whether it is worthy of credit and confidence. I believe with some such regulations, Ohio corporations would be placed on a solid basis.

"The publicity which would be given by such action could not by any possibility injure a really worthy and sound corporation. It would protect the public against unworthy and failing corporations. As matters now stand, the Secretary of State knows nothing about a corporation after it leaves his office with a charter from the state. He cannot even tell how many of the 40,000 or more corporations chartered by the State during the last fifty years are now dead, nor how many are still living. The State creates the thing, authorizes it to do business, sends it out in the cold and knows nothing more about it forever. It is high time that a change should be made."

The Governor recommended that a change be made in the way in which the convict labor is at present employed in Ohio, but said that the change would involve the expenditure of large sums of money and thought the Legislature would not embark in such an enterprise until satisfied that the public good requires it, and the state could afford to spend the money.

He called attention to invitations extended to Ohio to take part in and make an exhibit at the St. Louis Louisiana Purchase Exposition, saying it would be creditable to Ohio not to be properly represented.

NEW ROAD

From Ashtabula to New Castle.

Vanderbilt Interests Will Build It.

Youngstown, O., Jan. 6.—Official information has been received here that the Vanderbilt interests have issued a secret circular, the substance of which is to the effect that a new low grade freight line will be built from Ashtabula to Newcastle, Pa. The money is already provided for this improvement, and will probably be on hand by the middle of February. The object of the new line is to do away with the inconvenience of handling low freight, like ore and coal, through the Youngstown yards.

THREE FIRES

Kept Local Firemen Busy Saturday Night.

There were three fire alarms Saturday night all within a short time. The first call, at 4:18, was from Lawrence Haller's home, at 1003½ South Main st. The fire was caused by an explosion of gasoline. The flames were extinguished after damage to the extent of \$100 had been done.

The second fire was at the home of Charles H. Martin, 208 Division st. The chemical extinguished the blaze with very little loss. The third fire, at 7 o'clock, was at the residence of Albert Butler, 159 Washington st. The damage in this case was also light.

STOPPED.

Gov. Nash Calls Off a Cincinnati Prize Fight.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 6.—Gov. Nash has sent a telegram to Sheriff Taylor, of this county, saying: "The proposed fight at Cincinnati tonight between Mike Shreck and Larry Temple must not be permitted to occur." The Sheriff upon receipt of the message took measures to carry into effect the Governor's orders.

"PEEPER"

Given a Trouncing by a West Hill Man.

Residents in the neighborhood of West st. who have been annoyed for some time by a "Peeping Tom" will suffer annoyance no longer. The "Peeping Tom" ran up against an obstacle the other evening, which will have a tendency to put a quietus on his peeping propensities far into the distant future. The obstacle was none other than a man with brawny arms and muscles, strong as iron, who is said to have left the peeper with eyes of a purple hue, nose red with human gore, sore in every muscle and scarcely able to hobble off the field of carnage.

Stricken by Paralysis.

Mr. T. S. Jones, of South Arlington st., who was stricken with paralysis, a week ago, last Saturday, is in a serious condition. Owing to Mr. Jones' advanced age his recovery is doubtful.

The Weather: CLOUDY TONIGHT AND TUESDAY.

First President of New Cuban Republic.

The first president of the new Cuban Republic, Tomas Estrada Palma, the descendant of a distinguished Castilian family, has been called the Franklin of Cuba. He is 65 years old, was educated in Havana, and became a lawyer. He eagerly took part against Spain in 1898, was chosen to the Congress of the Revolutionary government, and in 1875 was elected President of Cuba.

Palma was captured by the Spaniards and was detained in a Spanish castle for seven years until the end



Tomas Estrada Palma.

of the conflict in 1879. Enduring intense hardships, Palma was offered freedom if he would swear allegiance to the Spanish crown.

"No," he answered, "you may shoot me if you will, but I will die as President of the Cuban Republic."

Coming to this country, Palma opened a school for boys at Central Valley, Orange county, New York. During the war between the United States and Spain he was the head and front of the Cuban Junta. He is intellectual, courteous and has business acumen.

FIRED

On Police Sunday Morning.

Narrow Escape of McAllister and Benson.

Shooting Done by Men Who Robbed a Saloon.

Officers McAllister and Benson were fired on Sunday morning at 3, by two tramps. The officers returned the fire, and a dozen shots were exchanged, but without harm to either side.

The shooting took place on the tracks of the Northern Ohio railroad, between High st. and Broadway, while the officers were walking west, making their rounds together. Two men were seen walking ahead, and the policemen called on them to halt. One of them replied by pulling a revolver and beginning to shoot. The officers returned the fire promptly, when the strangers began to run and made their escape. Captain Guillet was notified and he with all the other officers on downtown routes helped to search the neighborhood, but the men could not be found.

The men were hailed by the officers in the first place to ascertain why they were out so late. The firing in reply, indicated that they were bad men.

The police have heard that threats were made against them by tramps who were arrested last week and fore-

ed to work on the stone pile. If these tramps can be found they will be arrested on suspicion.

The saloon of Christ Lambacher, on South Main st., was burglarized, early Sunday morning, and circumstantial evidence makes it plain that it was committed by the men who fired on the officers. Among the articles stolen was a bottle of whisky. When the men began to run, they dropped this bottle, and it was picked up later and sent to Police headquarters. Besides the bottle of whisky, \$5 cash was stolen from the saloon.

UNIFORMS

For Two Akron Young Men.

First Enlistments at New Recruiting Station.

A U. S. army recruiting station has been opened in the Walsh block on South Main st. Sergeant M. J. Donahue is in charge. Two recruits were enlisted Monday. They are Clinton C. Crawford and Willard Sanderson, both of Akron. Sanderson is only 18, but had the written consent of his father. He enlisted in the infantry for tropical service. Crawford enlisted for the light artillery and will be sent to Ft. Wood, New York. He had enlisted before in the light artillery, and saw service at Santiago, Elcaney, San Juan Hill, and in Porto Rico.

These men were mustered into service by Capt. C. L. Beckwith, of the recruiting office at Cleveland, and left for their post of duty at noon.

CONGRESS

Met But at Once Adjourned

In Respect to the Late Senator Sewell.

"The Greatest Loss New Jersey Ever Suffered."

Washington, Jan. 6.—When the House met today after the holiday recess, there was a large attendance in the galleries, but more than half the seats on the floor were unoccupied. The chaplain in his invocation referred feelingly to the death of the late Senator Sewell. No business was transacted. Mr. Loudenslager, of New Jersey, announced the death of Senator Sewell, whose death, he said, was "The greatest loss New Jersey ever suffered."

He offered the customary resolutions, which were adopted and the House adjourned.

The Senate met today after recess of more than two weeks, but no business was transacted on account of the recent death of Senator Sewell.

Going to Creston.

F. X. Menegay, who has conducted a saloon at 135 South Main st., has discontinued business, and will operate a railway lunch room at Creston. Mr. Menegay was unsuccessful in making his business profitable at the old stand.

WILLING

To Allow Committee to Examine City Affairs.

Mayor Doyle Before Commissioners and Resolution Adopted—What Will Council Do?

Mayor Doyle was before the City Commissioners Monday morning with a request that the Board and Council authorize him to appoint a committee to investigate the financial affairs of Akron, and recommend some means for obtaining relief.

In the afternoon the Board adopted a resolution granting the request of the Mayor, and it will be sent to Council this evening for approval. The resolution authorizes the appointment of a committee, which will investigate and report on any or all matters connected with the city government. In short, all affairs of the city are to be turned over to the committee for investigation and report. It is believed the committee will be appointed to advise an appeal to the Legislature for an increase in the tax levy.

The Mayor gives assurance that the committee will work without pay. The resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board.

About the only comment made was by Commissioner Wilson. "I'd like to see this committee," he said. "What has become of his other committee?"

AKRON MONEY

Will be Deposited With Akron Banks—The Cleveland Object Lesson.

In discussing the effect locally of the Everett-Moore Syndicate's placing its properties in the hands of trustees, an officer of one of Akron's largest banking companies said to the Democrat today:

"The effect in Akron will probably be beneficial. Last year, on account of the low rate of interest, the Akron banks reduced the rate paid depos-

itors from 4 to 3 per cent. The result was that some money was drawn out of the local banks and taken to Cleveland, where the interest rate on deposits had not been reduced. No doubt the Akron depositors who took their money to Cleveland have by this time concluded that in this case, as in any other, it is always the best policy to trade at home. It is to be hoped that they will profit by the object lesson."

CLOSE RACE

Between Judge Tibbals and W. E. Pardee.

They Will be the Only Probate Judge Candidates.

Judge N. D. Tibbals and Deputy Probate Judge W. E. Pardee will probably be the only candidates for the Probate Judgeship nomination in the Republican primaries the coming

spring. Orlando Wilcox, who has been considered a decided factor in the race, has withdrawn his candidacy, and but the two candidates remain. It is now so late that no other is expected to enter. Mr. Wilcox withdrew, because he said, the seeking of votes was highly distasteful to him, and he disliked at this time to allow his law practice to be interfered with as must be the case if he went into the campaign.

CORONER

Took Testimony Thursday Afternoon.

Story Which May Throw Light on D. P. Wheeler's Death.

Coroner E. O. Leberman has been investigating the circumstances surrounding the tragic death of Cashier David P. Wheeler, which occurred at the Citizens' National bank, Christmas day, and took evidence in the case at his office, Thursday afternoon. Nothing bearing directly on the nature of the shock that killed Mr. Wheeler, was found, but evidence was given which goes to show that perhaps there was a leak in that neighborhood, on Christmas day, of sufficient power to cause death, by Mr. George L. Stewart, son-in-law and partner of Major E. Steinbacher, of the wholesale drug house of Steinbacher & Co.

About 9 o'clock Christmas morning, according to Mr. Stewart's testimony, he went to the store and attempted to open the door of the safe.

He was holding an electric lamp at the time he seized the safe handle, and he instantly received a strong shock. He let go as quickly as possible, and later tried an experiment by touching the brass part of one of the incandescent lamps to a gas pipe. Fire flashed from every wire in the store, and the lamp was shattered, as well as several others.

Mr. Stewart could not explain the source of the extra current, but was induced to believe it might throw some light on the mystery surrounding the death of Mr. Wheeler.

BIG SHOW

Assured by Poultry and Pet Stock Club.

The exhibits for the pet stock and poultry show have begun to arrive. The list of entries is the largest the club has ever known, and is larger than any of the similar shows which have been given in this part of the State. The doors will open to the public Wednesday morning.

Germany Glories In the Seven Children of Kaiser Wilhelm.



German Emperor's Fine Family.

The accompanying picture, which has just been taken by Schanwachter, Berlin, represents, from left to right: Prince Oscar, fifth son, born 1888; Prince Frederick, second son, born 1883; Prince Adalbert, born 1884, a lieutenant in the navy; and Prince August, born 1887. The youngest child of all, Princess Victoria, born 1902, is sitting on the knee of the Crown Prince, who was born in 1882, and the youngest son, Prince Joachim, born 1901, is standing at his side.

Berlin, Jan. 6.—The people of Berlin are purchasing with avidity the latest photograph of the seven children of Emperor William, and are pointing to it with pride as supplying samples of

the kind of boy and girl that the land is bringing forth. The photograph represents the six sturdy sons of the Emperor of Germany clad in their military uniforms and the daughter seated on the knee of the eldest.

The photograph has led to a re-

newed discussion of the birth rates of Germany and her old-time competitor, France. The figures are much to the credit of this country and to the disparagement of France. The birth rate of Germany shows that 439 children result from 100 marriages, and that in

France for the same number the offspring is only 305.

The Emperor has classed this picture as the most satisfactory, from an artistic standpoint and as likenesses, of any that have ever been taken of his children.